

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Friday, August 1, 2003

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1556. A bill *to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from gross income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plans*; to the Committee on Finance.

Smith

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S. 1558. A bill *to restore religious freedoms*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Allard

Pages S 10906, S 10910-11

S. 1561. A bill *to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia*; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Collins

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S. 1562. A bill *to amend selected statutes to clarify existing Federal law as to the treatment of students privately educated at home under state law*; to the Committee on Finance.

Craig

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S. 1567. A bill *to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes*; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Fitzgerald

Pages S 10906, S 10916-17

S. 1569. A bill *to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60*; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Akaka

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S. 1570. A bill *to amend the Internal Revenue Code, of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and to establish State health insurance safety-net programs*; to the Committee on Finance.

Santorum

Pages S 10906, S 10919-23

S.Res. 216. A resolution establishing as *a standing order of the Senate a requirement that a Senator publicly discloses a notice of intent to object to proceeding to any measure or matter*; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Lott

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Executive Communications:

EC-3612. A communication *from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Competitive Sourcing dated July 2003*; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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Executive Communications (cont.):

EC-3613. A communication *from the Chair, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Public Financing of Presidential Candidates and Nominating Conventions” received on July 31, 2003;* to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3614. A communication *from the Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Public Financing of Presidential Candidates and Nominating Conventions” received on July 31, 2003;* to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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H. Con. Res. 259 - Adjournment Resolution:

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 259, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S 10874, D 930

Frist Amendment No. 1540, to provide for an adjournment of the House of Representatives on the legislative day of Tuesday, July 29, 2003.

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Appointment Authority--Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Democratic Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Signing Authority--Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader or the Assistant Majority Leader, or Senator Santorum, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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H.R. 2417 - Intelligence Authorization Act--Conferees:

Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of July 31, 2003, relative to H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, the following conferees were appointed on the part of the Senate: from the Select Committee on Intelligence: Senators Roberts, Hatch, DeWine, Bond, Lott, Snowe, Hagel, Chambliss, Warner, Rockefeller, Levin, Feinstein, Wyden, Durbin, Bayh, Edwards, and Mikulski; from the Committee on Armed Services: Senators Allard and Nelson (FL).

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Nominations Confirmed:

Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Rene Acosta, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Paul Michael Warner, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years. (Reappointment)

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Nominations Received:

Senate received the following nominations:

Sandra L. Townes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, vice Sterling Johnson, Jr., retired.

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Remarks:

Supplemental Appropriations.

Nelson

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Association Health Plans.

Talent

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Strengthening the Defense of Marriage Act.

Coryn

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Judicial Nominees.

Leahy

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Doing the Nation's Business.

"...We will also take up at some juncture class action lawsuit reform. It is a fairly quiet bill in the background, but it is one that will make a huge difference in the fair and quick administration of justice nationwide. We will also be revisiting medical litigation reform sometime in the fall. There are other items we can address in terms of tort reform that we in all likelihood will be considering..."

Frist

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Extension of Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Feingold

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Confirmation of H. Brent McKinght to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina.

Edwards

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HOUSE

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 259, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2003.

Next SENATE MEETING: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2003.

Next HOUSE MEETING: 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2003.

OLA: A. Getter-Santos